1 KAMALA D. HARRIS MAR 22 2013 Attorney General of California KAREN B. CHAPPELLE Board of Vecational Nursina Supervising Deputy Attorney General and Psychiatric Technicians 3 WILLIAM D. GARDNER Deputy Attorney General 4 State Bar No. 244817 300 So. Spring Street, Suite 1702 Los Angeles, CA 90013 5 Telephone: (213) 897-2114 6 Facsimile: (213) 897-2804 Attorneys for Complainant 7 BEFORE THE 8 BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. PT-2011-3884 11 MERCEDES ALEMAN AGUDO 12 1556 N. Kenwood Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92404 ACCUSATION 13 Psychiatric Technician License No. PT 14 30401 15 Respondents. 16 17 Complainant alleges: 18 **PARTIES** 19 1. Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in 20 her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric 21 Technicians, Department of Consumer Affairs. 2. 22 On or about May 26, 1999, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric 23 Technicians issued Psychiatric Technician License Number PT 30401 to Mercedes Aleman 24 Agudo (Respondent). The Psychiatric Technician License expired on December 31, 2012, and 25 has not been renewed. 26 /// 27 ///

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## **JURISDICTION**

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender and/or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
  - 5. Section 4521 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"The board may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter [the Psychiatric Technicians Law (Bus. & Prof Code, 4500, et seq.)] for any of the following reasons:

. . .

"(n) The commission of any act involving dishonesty, when that action is substantially related to the duties and functions of the licensee."

# COST RECOVERY

6. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

# FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Dishonest Acts)

- 7. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4521, subdivision
  (n), in that Respondent engaged in dishonest acts substantially related to the duties and functions of a psychiatric technician. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. From January 2007 through April 2011, while employed as a psychiatric technician at Patton State Hospital (PSH) in Patton, California, Respondent conspired with PSH personnel services specialist Jose Romero to steal more than \$318,000.00 from the State of California by